

PATENT APPLICATION

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-5 (Withdrawn)

Claims 6-19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 (Currently amended): A nucleic acid of at least 12 contiguous nucleotides in length from SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:4, or the complementary sequences of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:4.

Claim 21 (Currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 20 which is 12 to about 75 contiguous nucleotides in length.

Claim 22 (Currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 20 which is 12 to 14 nucleotides in length.

Claim 23 (Currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 20 which is 14 to 18 nucleotides in length.

Claim 24 (Currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 20 which is 18 to 20 nucleotides in length.

Claim 25 (Currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 20 which is 20 to about 75 nucleotides in length.

Claim 26 (Previously presented): The nucleic acid of claim 20 labeled with a radioactive, fluorescent, enzymatic, or chromogenic marker.

Claim 27 (Previously presented): The nucleic acid of claim 20 wherein the nucleic acid is DNA.

Claim 28 (Previously presented): The nucleic acid of claim 27 selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, and the complementary sequences of SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, or SEQ ID NO:11.

Claim 29 (Previously presented): The nucleic acid of claim 27 selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, and SEQ ID NO:11.

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Claim 30 (Previously presented): A composition comprising the nucleic acid of claim 20 and a diluent or carrier.

Claims 31-33 (Withdrawn)

Claim 34 (Currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 20 wherein the nucleic acid is DNA, RNA, ~~nucleic acid analogues~~, or any combination thereof.

Claim 35 (Previously presented): The nucleic acid of claim 20 wherein the nucleic is RNA.

Claim 36 (Currently amended): An oligonucleotide of at least 14 nucleotides in length capable of hybridizing, under conditions of moderate stringency, to a nucleic acid ~~comprising SEQ ID NO:1 or the complement thereof, or SEQ ID NO:4 or the complement thereof~~ which encodes a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 3 or SEQ ID NO: 6.

Claim 37 (Previously presented): The oligonucleotide of claim 36 which is DNA or RNA.

Claim 38 (Previously presented): The oligonucleotide of claim 36 which is DNA.

Claim 39 (Currently amended): The ~~nucleic acid~~ oligonucleotide of claim 36 which is an RNA.

Claim 40 (Currently amended): A composition comprising the ~~nucleic acid~~ oligonucleotide of claim 36 and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.